

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/April 1-11, 2004

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)-Work is underway on this resurfacing project in northeastern Adams County. The job limits are from the Tokio Interchange to the vicinity of the Sprague Lake Rest Area. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on some days, rock blasting will be underway in the vicinity of milepost 235 between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway. Pavement grinding is also on the schedule. Motorcyclists need to use extreme caution when driving on grooved pavement.

NEW!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- Work is getting underway on this resurfacing project in southeast Lincoln County. The project limits from the vicinity of the Sprague Lake Rest Area to the Fishtrap interchange. On the schedule is earthwork. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. This project is very similar to the work on the project immediately adjacent to the west (noted above).

NEW!! I-90/Fishtrap Interchange area (MP 254)-WSDOT crews from Olympia will be working on electronic data equipment in the vicinity of this interchange. Work may get underway on Monday (4/5) and be wrapped up by late Wednesday (4/7). Motorists may see some freeway lane restrictions. No delays expected.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)— I-90 in the Spokane Valley is now in a long-term traffic configuration. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

NEW!! SR 21/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work has resumed in this Ferry County community. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509) 775-2929.

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SR 27/Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)-Work on this resurfacing project in south Whitman County starts on April 5th with guardrail and erosion repair work. Possible lane restrictions and short delays. In addition, Pioneer Telephone Company is now working on fiber line placement along the same roadway this week. Motorists may experience short delays.

<u>US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges</u>-Work is underway on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Utility relocation and etour construction work is underway. Motorists on Farwell may experience some short delays and there may be times when Farwell is reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic. No main highway traffic impacts. The short section of Shady Slope Rd. between US 2 (Newport Highway) and Farwell Rd. is now closed for the duration of this project. Motorists should use the US 2/Farwell intersection, just to the west, as an alternate.